

REMARKS

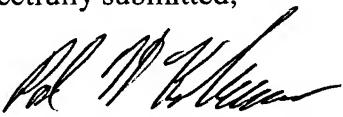
Prior to examination, the applicants have made amendments to the claims. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. By virtue of this amendment, claims 15, 16, 31 and 32 are pending, claims 15 and 31 have been amended, and claims 1-14 and 17-30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Consideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The specification was amended to recite that this is a divisional application and that there are Government Rights in this invention by virtue of an NIH Grant. In addition, the claims 15 and 31 were amended to include the limitations of the canceled independent base claims. Canceled claims 1-14 and 17-30 are pending in the parent application. Accordingly, all amendments were made for reasons other than patentability, since no action on the merits has been received.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 576-5313 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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